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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

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because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
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because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
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because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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1. ☒ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
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This International Searching Authority found multiple (groups of) inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. Claims: 1-14,20,23

Claims 1-14 and 23 refer to an automated detection apparatus for testing biological samples, especially for determining the concentration of progesterone in milk.

Claim 20 refers to an automated milking apparatus incorporating the detection apparatus of claims 1-14.

2. Claims: 15-19, 21,22

Claims 15-19 refer to a biosensor cassette holding a reel of biosensor film and means to use the film in biochemical testing.

Claims 21 and 22 refer to an automated milking apparatus incorporating the biosensor film cassette.

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